

Meet the manager



Good evening and welcome to Atherton Collieries FC for tonight's game. Hopefully both sets of players will have a memorable evening, which in years to come they will look back on with fond memories. Good luck to both teams and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Shoreline FC all the best for the rest of their tour and have a safe journey home.

Martin

A view from the League



The West Lancashire Girls Football League was founded in 2002. The first season kicked off with only four teams taking the field and every year more teams joined them. Just twelve years later, the league has 33 member clubs and 99 teams participating in competitions between the under 9 and under 18 age groups. To maintain such a high level of participation in the face of declining numbers both nationally and locally speaks volumes for the commitment and determination of the volunteers who ensure that girls and young women have continuing opportunities to participate.

The last twelve months have seen the league honoured on a regional and national level to an unprecedented level. Firstly, the league won both the County 'Bronze' and regional 'Silver' FA RESPECT awards – a phenomenal achievement which underlined the commitment of the league committee and member clubs to ensuring that games are played in the correct spirit, atmosphere and environment. We have not rested on our laurels, however and have instigated a number of new measures on order to consolidate on this and hopefully push onto the next level.

However, this was eclipsed by the league's success in the FA Community Awards. The league was successful at both County and North West region, and as such was put forward for the National award. In June, we were informed that we had won the National Charter Standard League of the year Award. Given the number and quality of leagues throughout the country, this can only be regarded as a phenomenal honour.

The award was collected at the FA Community Shield in August by League Secretary, Julie Edwards and myself. The award was presented by England goalkeeper Siobhan Chamberlain, before we were invited onto the hallowed Wembley turf at half-time to be presented to the crowd and be congratulated by Sir Geoff Hurst.

This was a truly momentous occasion but one which we should all take great pride in, because that award was for every single one of us. Clubs, Officials, Coaches, Supporters and Players, and of course the fantastic league committee who are all volunteers. As one of the team here in the UK for Shoreline FC, and indeed Chairman of Shoreline FC UK, it gives me great pride to help organise this fixture between our guests from the USA, and one of our own member clubs. I am particularly grateful to Rob and everyone at Golborne Girls FC for putting so much effort into making this a superb occasion for everyone involved. I trust that you will all have an enjoyable and memorable evening and that at the end, football will be the winner.



Noel Warham

Chairman/Charter Standard League Co-ordinator, West Lancashire Girls Football League
Chairman/ Manager, Shoreline FC UK
UK Representative, Shoreline FC Connecticut



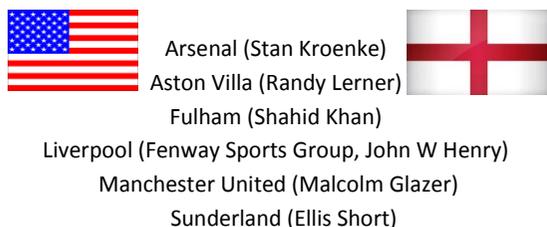
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LIVE MATCHES ON BT SPORT STARTING ON THURSDAY
WITH LIVERPOOL V MANCHESTER CITY

Captains corner

Sorry I missed the team photo, I was on my way to Italy for a ski holiday. Hope both teams have a great match and thanks to all the players from the other Golborne teams who are coming to watch.



Abbie x



To all our friends at
Golborne Girls F.C.
Have a great night and
Good luck to both teams
ASHTON PARK J.F.C.

We would like to thank
everyone from Atherton
Collieries and in particular
Emil Anderson who has
been brilliant in helping
us to set up this match.

